

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ACTION SUMMARY
Thursday, January 8, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

Administration Building – Board Chambers
2101 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Lawson. Board Members present: Clark, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley. Director Engellenner, absent. Staff: Fire Chief Mette, Board Clerk Tilson, Associate General Counsel Chavez.

PLEDGE TO FLAG led by the Girl Scouts of Tierra Del Oro.

METRO CABLE 14 ANNOUNCEMENT

The open session Meeting is videotaped for cablecast on Metro Cable 14. Replay on Friday, January 11 at 9:00 AM and Monday, January 12 at 6:00 PM on Channel 14; Webcast at www.sacmetroable.tv. A VHS copy is also available for checkout from any library branch.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN DISTRICT JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Dan Skoglund of the City of Rancho Cordova appeared to personally thank our first responder troops that assisted in the Christmas Eve tragedy on behalf of the community, City Council, and City of Rancho Cordova. He stated he saw the devastation caused by the explosion but was amazed as he observed the coordination in setting up the command operations and a triage helping the victims. He stated the District has wonderful people who protect us every day with their lives and wanted Fire Chief Mette to pass along his sincere thanks to all the troops involved.

Board President Lawson stated his comments would be conveyed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Board Meeting Action Summary—December 11, 2008

- **Board Action:**
Kelly/Clark—approve the Consent Agenda. ROLL CALL: Clark, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley, AYE. Director Engellenner, absent. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM(S):**1. Resolution No. 2009-01—Industrial Disability Retirement -- Firefighter Dale Miller—(DC Miller)**

- Work-related injury precluding performance of duties in the position of Firefighter.
- Application filed with the Public Employees' Retirement System.
- Recommend approval; retirement effective December 31, 2008.
- **Board Action:**
Goold/Kelly—adopt the Resolution. ROLL CALL: Directors Clark, Goold, Granados, Kelly, Lawson, Trujillo, Valley, AYE. Directors Engellenner, Jones, absent. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION ITEM(S): None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—(Lawson)**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—(Mette)**

- December 20, 2008 – Department was involved in the Santa Parade in Sacramento.
- December 22 – Larry Davis and he met with the Chief of L.A. City Fire and discussed plans for the expansion of the L.A. City Fire Department into the training team for the District training site.
- December 29 – memorial for Captain Jim Peterson.
- January 24, 2009 – 35th Annual Guns and Hoses Football Game.
- January 5, 2009 – last Strategic Planning meeting was held. Strategic Plan to be presented at a future Board meeting.
- Meeting next week with Alameda Fire and Alameda County Sheriffs regarding the training site.
- January 20, 2009 – District presentation to the Metro Chamber of Commerce on the Economic Impact Analysis of the Fire Training Facility put together by Larry Davis and a consultant.

Larry Davis stated the economic impact would create around 66 jobs during the construction phase and 10 permanent jobs in the region. Around a \$70 million investment and \$60 million will stay in the region.

Fire Chief Mette stated copies of the report would be distributed to the Board.

- January 10, 2009 at 10 a.m. – Station 29 grand opening on Greenback Lane.
- Congratulated the 16 personnel who retired since our last Board meeting.
- **OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT –**

Report by Deputy Chief Geoff Miller:

Fire Incidents –

24 working structure fires since the last Board meeting.

The most significant event was the well publicized gas explosion on Christmas Eve in Rancho Cordova. There was one fatality and several injuries including one of our firefighters, Art Gonsalves, just two shifts prior to his scheduled retirement. He is doing great now.

EMS:

Division report at the next meeting.

Health – Captain Steve Eggiman returned to work on January 6, just a little over six months of recovery.

- President Lawson stated there have been some problems with kerosene heaters and carbon monoxide. He requested information be made available to the general public on a website or, for people without computers, a place to access assistance in those areas.

Deputy Chief Miller stated he will work with the Community Services Division to get some information out.

- **SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION REPORT –**

Report by Deputy Chief Jim Eastman:

PIO –

- Christian Pebbles is the new Public Information Officer replacing Jeff Lynch.
- Public Service Announcement developed on smoke detectors and displayed on the Cal Expo sign.
- KCRA film clip shown on smoke detectors.
- Other public service announcements included a Christmas tree burn project.

Community Services –

- Attended various events including chamber and community meetings.
- Provided fire extinguisher demonstrations.
- Blight Buster event held December 17.
- Strategic Planning meeting.
- On-going projects – Awards Ceremony, iPOD grant, Blight Busters in Rancho Cordova, Fire Station Resource boxes, Station 29 Open House preparation.
- Thanked the Operations Department for contributing to the community activities.

Development/Project Manager –

- Station 29 is 99% complete. Grand Opening this Saturday.

Facilities Division Projects –

- Station 29 finishing touches.
- Working with the Safety Division to address issues identified on the quarterly safety inspections.
- HVAC system modified at Station 105.
- Working on electrical panels at Stations 54 and 64.

Fire Prevention Bureau –

- Attended Strategic Planning meeting.
- Gathered donations for the Children's Crisis Nursery.
- Investigators and Inspectors assisted the City of Rancho Cordova on the gas leak explosion.
- Working on FPB presentation to the Board of Directors.

Fleet –

- B-5 new Tahoe in service.
- B-9 Tahoe will be finished tomorrow.
- 1000 gallon fuel tank will be installed at Station 29 tomorrow.

Logistics –

- Engraved 200 portable radio batteries with district identification and tracking numbers.
- Annual service replacement of all portable fire extinguishers for all apparatus in the District within next 3 months.
- Resubmitted all Hazardous Materials Plans to the County for all required stations.
- Annual inspection and cleaning of turnouts on track.
- Finished the purchase of items for Fire Station 29.
- Developed vendor lists and shopping for the best price for each order to save money on purchases.

Technical Services –

- Developed a project management system and redesigned intra-net to integrate with the project management system.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Pat Monahan, Vice President of Local 522, addressed the Board and commented:
 - Everyone is looking forward to a challenging new year in 2009.
 - Congratulated the retirees.
 - Station 29 has been open for about two weeks.
 - Congratulated Captain Steve Eggiman on his return.
 - Jim Peterson passed away December 15.

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT—(Chavez)**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:****Executive Committee—(Lawson)**

- Next Meeting: Date to be established.

Communications Center Delegate—(Valley)

- Received a report on the last meeting.
- Next Meeting: January 27, 2008 – 10:30 AM

California Fire & Rescue Training Authority—(Kelly)

- Next Meeting: February 4, 2009 – 10:00 AM

Finance Committee—(Granados)

- Reported on today’s meeting. Received positive news on the increase in Teeter Funds; retirements to be tracked for cost projection purposes.
- Next Meeting: February 12, 2009 – 5:00 PM

Policy Committee—(Lawson)

- Next Meeting: TBD

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**Board Members:**

- Thanked Mayor Skoglund for taking the time to attend and convey his personal thanks.

Granados:

- Welcomed everyone back for the New Year.

Valley:

- Hoped everyone had a good New Years.

Kelly:

- Noted that Director Lawson arranged for donations that enabled 160+ families to have a Christmas dinner. He worked with him this year and was happy to see how successful it was. There were a lot of people this year that needed the help.
- Congratulated all of the retirees.
- Extended his sympathies to Captain Jim Peterson's family.
- Wished everyone a great new year.
- Requested to attend the Economic Development meeting with the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

President Lawson encouraged Directors who are available to attend the meeting in support of the District.

Trujillo:

- Thanked the Color Guard for their presentation tonight.
- Welcomed Steve Eggiman back.
- Thanked the men and women that work for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District who are the best in the fire service.
- Thanked staff for their reports.
- Expressed his condolence to the Peterson family in their time of sorrow.

Clark:

- Echoed Director Kelly's comments about Tom Lawson's service. He also worked on the project with him and he does a wonderful job working with the charities.
- Welcomed Steve Eggiman back.

- Welcomed everyone back to a new year and hoped it would be prosperous. Even in view of the challenges, we will prevail and continue to do the job we have always done.

Lawson:

- Thanked staff for their reports.
- Thanked Director Trujillo for his leadership as Chair during 2008.
- Thanked Richard Margarita and wished him well in his retirement. Would like to do something for him collectively as a Board to acknowledge our appreciation.
- Thanked the Station 102 crew for participating in the community service event at the Starr King Elementary School which has around 185 challenged young people. The Sacramento Central Labor Council along with the coalition of organized labor and the Building Trades have identified this as a personal commitment to young people. Santa Claus was brought in on a sleigh of Engine 102 to the delight of all the young people. He thanked the Building Trades and the coalition for not only supporting that project but also Operation Christmas Basket. Acknowledged Director Kelly and the Building Trades who not only helped out financially but also worked as volunteers.
- On community service events and non-profit organizations, cautioned the public not to be misled by phone calls soliciting donations. An example of a positive 501(c)(3) is the Firefighters Burn Institute sponsored by the firefighters. This is a certified agency of the United Way. Before donating to an organization, find out what the administrative fees are and ask for their accomplishments in the community and what percentage of the population is serviced.
- Requested Board members interested in serving on a committee to return the committee list in the packet to the Board Clerk before the next meeting so appointments can be made.
- The meeting will be concluded with a moment of silence for members of the Fire team lost last year:

Bob Werner – service time from March 1982 to August 2008
Jim Peterson – service time from July 1988 to December 2008
- On the tentative scheduling for a Board Policies and Procedures workshop, requested the focus be on a Saturday since most of the Board works full time during the week. Requested the schedule be revisited.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 6:10 PM

[Taken out of order after Consent Agenda]

[Director Jones departed]

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 6:30 PM

Report by Associate General Counsel Chavez:

CLOSED SESSION GOVERNMENT CODES:**1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL–EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Four (4) Cases

A. Geoff Miller – Claim #2008072786

B. Jonpaul Seivane – Claim #2007067595

C. Frank Miranda – Claim #2006055742

The Board heard medical evidence on Items 1A, 1B, and 1C and voted unanimously by those present to give the District's third party administrator approval to settle the claims.

D. Dale Miller – Claim #2005042230

A Resolution under Action Item #1 will be considered in open session.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m with a moment of silence in remembrance of Bob Werner and Jim Peterson.

Thomas J. Lawson, President

D'Elman Clark, Secretary

Charlotte Tilson, Clerk of the Board